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# **Environment and Natural Resources Committee DRAFT Minutes**

May 6, 2009 −9:30 a.m.

Members Present: Jack Darin – Sierra Club, Patty Werner - Lake County SMC, Karla

Kramer – US Fish and Wildlife Service, Wally Van Buren – Illinois Association of Wastewater Agencies, Martha Dooley – Village of

Schaumburg, Pete Harmet – IDOT, John Rogner – Chicago

Wilderness, Ingrid Danler – Fox Waterway Agency, Sean Weidel – City of Chicago, Kate Agasie – Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, Joe

Schuessler – Metropolitan Water Reclamation District

**Staff Present:** Jesse Elam, Ross Patronsky, Hala Ahmed, Tim Loftus, Shana

Alford, Lindsay Banks, Drew Williams-Clark, Dawn Thompson

Others Present: Anja Claus and Paul Heltne – Center for Humans and Nature,

Ricca Slone – ELPC

#### 1.0 Call to Order

Chair Jack Darin called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

#### 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Jesse announced that the next ENR meeting would be held in conjunction with the Economic and Community Development committee meeting on May 26 at 9:00 am.

#### 3.0 Approval of Minutes from March 4, 2009

The minutes were approved. It was requested that the Openlands/ENR committee document with recommended DRI thresholds be attached to the minutes.

# 4.0 Coordinating Committees Update

Jack noted that if the Programming Committee were meeting in May he would need someone else to attend in his place.

### 5.0 GO TO 2040

Jesse Elam and Ross Patronsky introduced the evaluation measures for major capital projects in GO TO 2040, explaining that a long-range transportation plan is required under federal law to have evaluation measures. CMAP contracted with the Volpe Center to develop potential evaluation measures, which developed a sample from those used in other metro areas. An earlier draft of these measures was shown to the ENR committee in April, but it had been revised and shortened. One of the measures relates to impacts on important natural resource areas and farmland, and a map was handing out showing subzones with >50% agricultural land considered for protection under a purchase of

development rights program or >50% open space considered for protection by a land management agency. Several questions arose as to what the map did not show: namely smaller areas of open space, agriculture, etc. Jesse answered that the map was not meant to show land use detail, but areas where impacts from construction projects would potentially be widespread and in need of mitigation. Another member suggested the regional stream system should be on the map. It was also recommended that a water quality measure be developed. Finally, a member noted that since only the transportation portion of GO TO 2040 would have these evaluation measures for capital projects, the list should indicate that they are only transportation-related measures.

# 6.0 Wastewater Infrastructure Strategy Panel Meeting

Comments and responses from the wastewater infrastructure panel meeting are online at <a href="http://www.goto2040.org/panel.aspx">http://www.goto2040.org/panel.aspx</a>.

#### 7.0 Other Business

None.

# 8.0 Public Comment

None.

# 9.0 Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Jesse Elam

CMAP staff liaison